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In the Matter of )  
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New Service Reporting Requirements ) CC Docket No. 92-275  
Under Price Cap Regulation )

COMMENTS OF THE AMERITECH OPERATING COMPANIES

The Ameritech Operating Companies<sup>1</sup> submit these comments in support of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.<sup>2</sup> Price cap carriers are currently required to report quarterly on their new interstate service offerings. The Commission has proposed to change the requirement to an annual filing and to eliminate the need to report on an individual new service after three such filings.

The Companies do not necessarily agree that these reports are necessary in the first instance. Especially in the case of discretionary new services, price cap LECs do not have any undue pricing leverage since customers can simply choose to continue without the service if they do not like the price. In that light, there appears to be no actual "need" to specially monitor these services. However, the Companies understand the Commission's desire to be kept apprised of the success of price cap LECs' new service offerings. To that extent, the changes

<sup>1</sup> The Ameritech Operating Companies are: Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone, Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, and Wisconsin Bell, Inc.

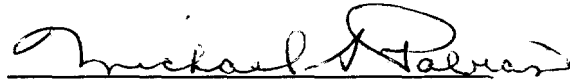
<sup>2</sup> In the Matter of New Service Reporting Requirements Under Price Cap Regulation, CC Docket No. 92-275, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 92-514 (released January 19, 1993) ("NPRM").

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proposed by the Commission will fulfill that purpose while at the same time minimizing unnecessary and duplicative paperwork.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Pabian", written over a horizontal line.

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